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Dear Sir:

I, Dr. Jean-Christophe Audonnet, declare and state that:

1. I make this declaration in connection with U.S. application Serial No. 09/766,442. I am a co-inventor of this application and am familiar with its prosecution history, particularly as it pertains to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of claims 1, 4, 5, 16-19 and 21-36 as allegedly being unpatentable over Taylor et al. in view of Harris et al. and in further view of Bonnem et al. and Baker et al. Moreover, I am familiar with the final Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003.